

PATENT

Case No. 659-920

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RICHLIN et al.

Serial No.: 10/032,701

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

For: ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING  
A WEAKENED REGION

Examiner: Reichle, Karin M.

Group Art Unit No.: 3761

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 31, 2005 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 11-20, 31-40, 42 and 44-48.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).

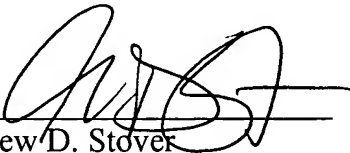
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2. ☐ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the \$330 appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.191(a) to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
5. ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 6, 2005

  
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Notice of Appeal (in duplicate)  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small Entity.  
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
☒ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$330.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).  
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$330.00 for the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(b) is enclosed.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

December 6, 2005  
Date

Andrew D. Stover (Reg. No. 38,629)